

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above identified application.

As indicated above, claims 1 and 4 have been amended in order to more particularly point out the claimed invention. In particular, *Suzuki, et al.* is directed to a digital camera that outputs still images. Nothing in *Suzuki, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests outputting motion video signals of a moving image as claimed in claims 1 and 4. Rather, *Suzuki, et al.* is directed to taking still images.

Furthermore, timing signal generator 34 of *Suzuki, et al.* is only connected between an operating mode switching circuit 43 and an image sensing device driver 36. Nothing in *Suzuki, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests a timing generating means connected to the storage means as claimed in claims 1 and 4.

*Okino, et al.* merely discloses selecting a reading mode based upon the amount of light. Nothing in *Okino, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests the primary features as claimed in claims 1 and 4.

Since nothing in the combination of *Suzuki, et al.* and *Okino, et al.* show, teach or suggest the invention as claimed in claims 1 and 4, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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